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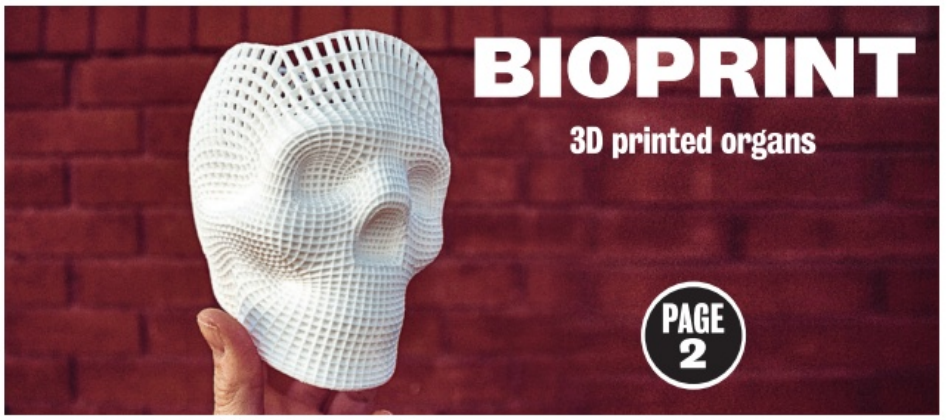

Why monitoring stations are recording highest noise pollution levels in designated silent and residential zones

BOOMING BENGALURU

July loudest month so far in 2022

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As per Karnataka State Pollution Control Board (KSPCB) data, July has been the noisiest month of the year so far across multiple continuous noise monitoring stations in Bengaluru.

The highest increase in decibel levels was reported at some of the silence zones and residential areas, yet again.

KSPCB has ten noise monitoring stations across the city under various categories, including silence zones, residential, commercial and industrial areas. While the decibel levels in the industrial and commercial areas mostly stay within the limits, the levels go absurdly high in the silence zones and residential areas.

The board monitors noise levels at two silence zones - Indira Gandhi Institute of Child Health (NIMHANS) and RV College of Engineering (RVCE), Mysuru Road, and three residential areas – TERI office (The Energy and Resources Institute) in Domlur, BTM Layout and Nisarga Bhavan in Basaveshwaranagar.

In July, while the sensor at NIMHANS station recorded an

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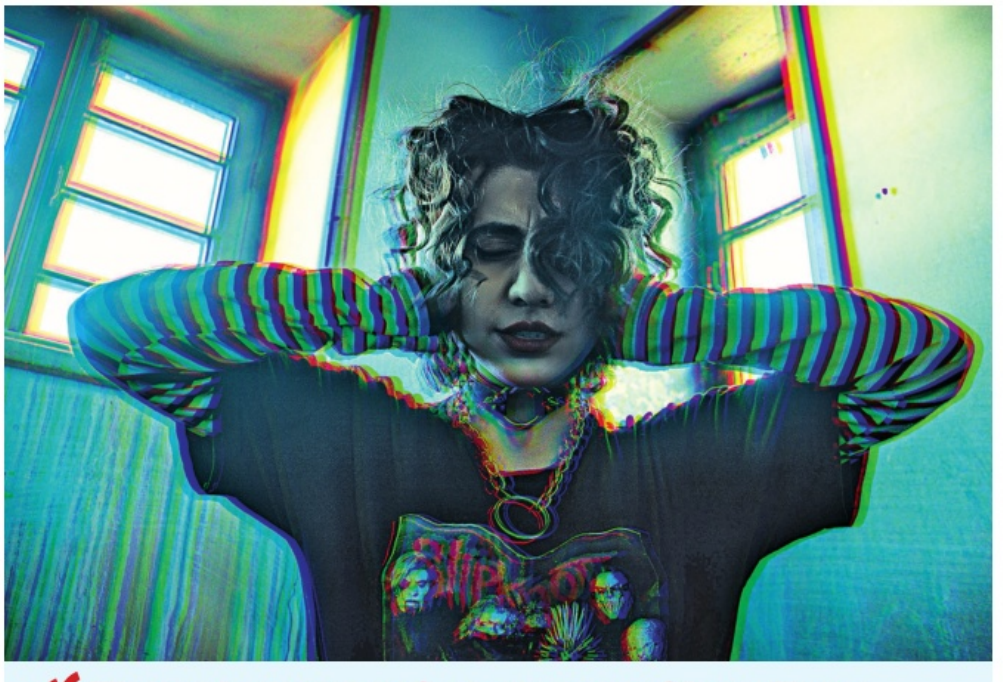

“There is zero enforcement of law. Even RTOs do not bother to check vehicle horns while registering new vehicles or renewing registrations

– Rajkumar Dugar, activist

Lake’s Sake

BBMP lakes department’s lack of supervision of rejuvenation work depleting Vibhuthipura Lake, allege residents

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A visit to Vibhuthipura Lake in KR Puram assembly constituency, represented by Urban Development minister Byrathi Basavaraj, shall suffice to understand the apathy and negligence of Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) lakes department in conserving and protecting waterbodies. Most of Vibhuthipura Lake’s surface is covered in weeds.

The lake was rejuvenated just four years ago at an estimated cost of Rs 3 crore. The lakes department’s lack of supervision or inspection of the rejuvenation work has cost the waterbody immensely. With the water level at the lake on par with the surface of the road, it does not have the capacity to hold more water.

Bangalore Mirror published a story – No incoming, just outgoing – on November 20, 2020, narrating why Vibhuthipura Lake was not filled with rainwater while most of the lakes in and around Bengaluru were brimming with rainwater.

Hundreds of residents from adjoining areas such as Vibhuthipura, Ramesh Nagar, Basavanagar and Vignana Nagar visit the lake for morning or evening strolls. They expressed displeasure over the BBMP’s lackadaisical approach to maintain the lake.

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3 THINGS TO DO

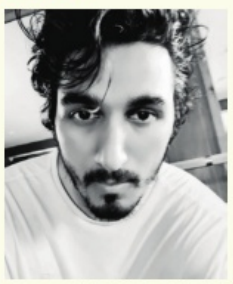
01 Monsoon music

Banyan Tree is back with its annual Monsoon Music festival Barkha Ritu -- now in its 21st year. This thematic festival is one of the most appreciated and sought-after festivals that has featured almost all the classical music maestros of India. This year, Barkha Ritu in Bengaluru will feature: Shounak Abhisheki with Anand Bhate (Vocal) and Ustad Shujaat Khan (Sitar).
Where: Chowdiah Memorial Hall
When: August 21, 6:00 pm onwards
Tickets: bookmyshow.com

02 Lake walk

ActionAid Association is organising a lake walk for children. ActionAid has been engaged with the most marginalised communities and works in 10 districts of Karnataka. The lake walk is to sensitise local residents including children to appreciate the water body nearby and the biodiversity within the lake ecosystem. It aims to create awareness among the local residents and encourage them to participate in lake protection and conservation.
Where: Madiwala Lake;
When: August 21, 8 am - 9:30 am

03 Defining freedom



Ranga Shankara presents "Azaadi Ki gubaar" by Srinivas Beesetty & Maulik Pandey. As part of our explorations into what freedom means as India entered its 76th year of Independence this month, this Sunday at RS Connect, we look at how freedom has changed over the years on our personal and professional fronts. Through an interesting piece based on real incidents and stories, Kahe Vidushak's Srinivas Beesetty and Maulik Pandey share their written poems and prose highlighting different perspectives of freedom in different domains and sectors. **Where: Ranga Shankara, JP Nagar**
When: August 21, 5.30 pm - 6.30 pm; Entry: Free

3D bioprinting an organ? Soon, in Namma B'luru

Centre of Excellence for 3D bioprinting is in the works, courtesy IISc and leading global bioprinting company

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The Indian Institute of Science will soon launch a Centre of Excellence (CoE) for 3D bioprinting in Bengaluru in association with CELLINK, a leading global 3D bioprinting company. Experts say that intensive research and advancement in bioprinting can make tissue regeneration and organ duplication possible in laboratories.

Prof Kaushik Chatterjee, Associate Professor, Department of Materials Engineering & Centre for BioSystems Science and Engineering, IISc explained how this fairly new technology can change the Indian medical and pharma industry.

"These days, the new emerging technology is that of 3D bioprinting, which allows us to create something layer by layer. We can recreate, and generate human tissues using this technology or perhaps even entire organs... IISc has a few groups that are researching these aspects, and with this new technology, we can change the pharma industry in India," Chatterjee told Bangalore Mirror.

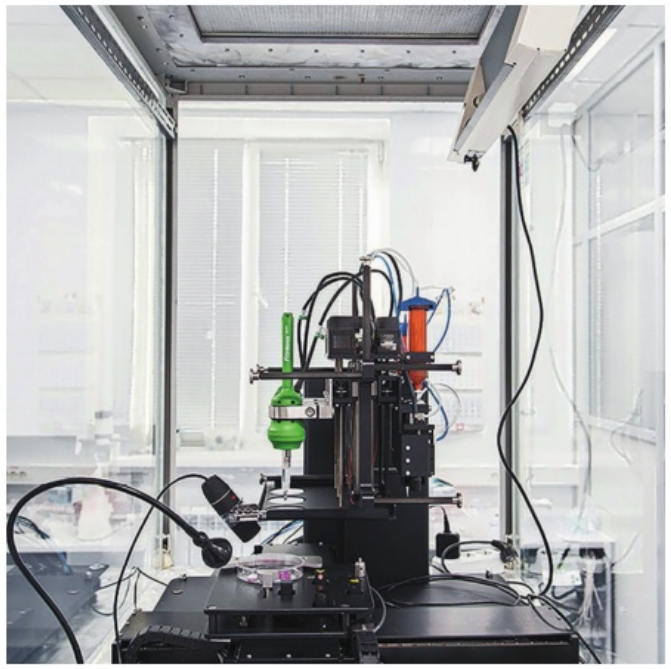
The technology can aid the researchers in creating cells and organs that mimic the actual human cells, which in turn would be used for drug and food testing or even to better study cancer cells and tumours.

The CoE is the first of its kind in India and will be established in the Centre for BioSystems Science and Engineering (BSSE) at IISc.

"Bioink is a material mixed with cells that are used in these printers and when we use that to create tissue, it mimics the real tissues inside human bodies. This can accelerate the process of drug development in the country, as well as increase the accuracy of drug testing by replacing the need for animal testing.

"One can bioprint human skin cells and use them for cosmetic testing or we can replicate a tumour the same way it is formed inside a human body and use that for drug testing... Many drugs fail in advanced stages just because human bodies and animal bodies are very different," Chatterjee explained.

CELLINK is a Swedish company, a leading member in the field of 3D bioprinting and medical research. Cecelia Edebo, CEO of CELLINK, told Bangalore Mirror that the company has a tie-up for research purposes with several leading institutes around the world. "We have collaborated with MIT, Harvard, Cambridge, and several other leading research institutes around the world. But I have lived in India and I know that there is a lot of talent here. This technology can be a revolution for the medical industry and drug testing."



A bioprinter makes tissue regeneration and organ duplication possible in laboratories (image from Wikipedia)

"Bioink is a material mixed with cells used in these printers and when we use that to create tissue, it mimics the real tissues in human body – Prof Kaushik Chatterjee, IISc

Edebo said that 17 lives are lost every day due to a shortage of organs. Moreover, 9 out of 10 drugs fail because of improper drug testing. With the possibility of creating organs and tissue regeneration, this could change for the better.

Chatterjee also added that it might take some years of extensive research until the trust in this new technology is established, so the drug testing authorities can alter the policies in the future. IISc has signed an MoU with CELLINK to hold seminars designed to give researchers at the institute and abroad the skills necessary to use 3D bioprinting in their work and benefit from 3D cell culture.

Recently in India, researchers have successfully 3D printed an artificial cornea and transplanted it into a rabbit's eye. Experts are positive that with more research into the technology, advanced organs like hearts and kidneys can be created in labs.

Students give clarion call for being e-waste aware

The second edition of the e-waste awareness programme was held at Dasarahalli on Saturday, with much pomp and energy. The programme was jointly organised by Vijay Karnataka and Bangalore Mirror.

Inaugurating the programme, Dasarahalli MLA R Manjunath said that he was happy to see the programme and promised all support to create awareness.

"More than 23 items have been categorised as e-waste. If these are thrown anywhere, then it can be harmful and there is a need for scientific disposal," he said.

KSCPB official Puttaraju added how around one lakh tonne of e-waste is generated in Karnataka every year.

Many of the alloys used in the e-waste are harmful for the environment. An e-waste policy is being formulated for scientific disposal.

B Muralikrishna, president of Peenya Industries association said, "We wholeheartedly support the VK-BM programme. There is an urgent need to create awareness."

Students led a procession armed with banners and posters in Dasarahalli

The e-waste bins were also in the apartments and the residents were encouraged to segregate it and dump responsibly.

Kalyan Sabareeshan from Sogo Synergy e-waste management said, "There are many harmful chemicals in e-waste. Hence, we need to safely dispose them."

C Prakash, president of Rotary Jalahalli said that these programmes will encourage youngsters to be more responsible towards the society. Now, there is a need to have separate e-waste bins at every home.

This campaign was organised in partnership with BBMP, Karnataka State Pollution Control Board, BMRCL, Sogo Synergy E-Waste Management, Peenya Industrial Association, Kuvempu College Mallasandra, RR Group of Institutions, Nisarga PU College, Rotary Jalahalli, Human Rights Protection Committee and various residential associations.

Earlier, hundreds of students along with cultural troupes participated in a huge awareness jatha on Hessaraghatta Main Road.

— Prakash VL

Body heating up? Might be new normal, say doctors

Proper medication, rest and a healthy diet are some lifestyle habits that will help in staying healthy

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If you're one of those who has managed to steer clear of any infection in this weather, you are one of the lucky few. But while fever cases quite common during this cold weather, doctors are puzzled at a new pattern where patients are reporting with very high fever in the range of 103 degree to 105 degree Fahrenheit. Another worrying factor is that most of these cases are seen among healthy children, they add.

Dr Aditya Chowti, Senior Consultant- Internal Medicine, Fortis Hospital, Cunningham Road, said, "These cases may not respond to normal conventional antipyretic drugs (drugs used to reduce fever). Symptoms are soaring temperatures, a lot of body pain and more time for the fever to subside. The frequency of fever spikes is seen more in such patients. There are some paediatric cases also but generally, healthy younger adults are presenting with high temperatures."

Consult your doctor if your fever is alarmingly high and doesn't subside

Dr TR Hemkumar, Consultant - Internal Medicine, Sakra World Hospital, also had a similar viewpoint; however, there was no cause for alarm yet. He said approximately 30 per cent of patients had a very high temperature. It was the new normal, as most of them routinely check their temperatures and some of them are not exposed to high viral loads due to wearing masks.

"With the opening of schools, there is a rise in kids getting infected by other viral infections apart from covid. Due to lack of frequent herd immunity for routine viral infections, the viral load is much higher. Also, the cytokine response to these viral infections is much higher, resulting in a high-grade temperature," he added.

However, Dr SN Aravinda, Consultant - Internal Medicine, Aster RV Hospital was more cautious. "We surely cannot say such high fever is the new normal. Such high temperatures are usually witnessed only in cases of viral infections such as Covid-19, Influenza, Pneumonia and others. However, even in such cases, the fever will subside in two to three days' time with proper medication and treatment."

Dr Pramod V Satya, Consultant, Internal medicine, Manipal Hospital, Millers Road, said that currently, 70 to 80 per cent of the outpatient visits have fevers and most of them with respiratory symptoms turn out to have a Covid infection. Children below 12 have much higher degree of fever compared with adults. Rest is usually influenza A, dengue, malaria and typhoid fever with fever without respiratory symptoms, he added.

Precautions

- Rest well
- Drink plenty of water
- Take paracetamol three to four times a day at regular intervals

If the fever is very high, above 102, here's what you can do

- Use wet sponge all over the body
- Judicious use of painkillers is more than sufficient
- Oral paracetamol should be sufficient

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City apartments go sustainable

Resident associations bag Hasiru Apartment awards for their green choices

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Many apartment complexes are switching to solar power for operating their infrastructure

From shifting to renewable energy to becoming water self-sufficient, and from implementing waste management practices to potable water reuse – measures taken by a handful of resident associations led to them being awarded the Hasiru Apartment award by Bangalore Apartments' Federation (BAF) on Saturday.

Sobha Palladian apartment complex in Marathahalli, Sobha Chrysanthemum apartment in Narayanapura, and T-ZED Homes in Whitefield grabbed the top spots across the three categories for some of the proactive efforts taken to make societies environment conscious and sustainable.

The associations were picked for the award under three categories based on the size of the apartment complexes, and evaluation was done based on steps taken up by the societies in the areas of energy management, rainwater harvesting, groundwater recharge, sewage treatment plant, water conservation, water metering, solid waste management, and garden management.

According to the residents of Sobha Palladian, while the campus has undertaken various green initiatives in the past, it is the solar rooftop plant installed a year ago that did the trick for them. The housing society with 179 families does not draw electricity from BESCOM for any infrastructure in its common areas."We have around 350 kW rooftop solar panels through the net metering scheme. Our net consumption from the BESCOM for our common areas is virtually nil," said Padma Venkadeeswaran, secretary, Sobha Palladian.

The calling card for Sobha Chrysanthemum is the rainwater harvesting system. While the apartment complex with around 200 houses does not have a BWSSB connection, the residents have not availed of the tanker water facility over the last three years. The complex has been harvesting around two lakh litres of rainwater annually.

"Currently, all the rainwater from the terraces is channelised and taken to our raw water tanks after some basic filtration. It then passes through a water treatment plant and is diverted to the domestic and drinking water tanks. Not a drop of rainfall goes to waste. There was a time when we had to resort to water tankers However, we now have surplus water," said Chanchal Pande, president, Sobha Chrysanthemum apartment.

With 91 homes inside the community, T-ZED homes located in Whitefield boasts over 40 recharge pits on its five-acre property. The housing society is also leading the way by making potable water reuse a success. According to Babu R, president, T-ZED homes, the quality of their treated water is better than tanker water by leaps and bounds.

"We have multiple lines of defense before the wastewater reaches our domestic water tanks. We have installed an Ozonator that takes care of all kinds of bacteria. After going through the Ozonator, the water passes through activated carbon and sand carbon filters before it reaches the RO stage. We also have a UV filter for treated wastewater. We have a water table available at a depth of 85 to 90 feet below ground levels," said Babu.

The Hasiru Apartment contest, according to BAF, is an effort to recognise environment-friendly measures taken by housing societies.

"The rapid urbanisation of Bengaluru over the last 30 years has created economic prosperity but has also brought in imminent environmental danger. It is critical for citizens of the city to realise this and take ownership.

> **"We haven't bought tanker water for 3 years. Rainwater is channelised and taken to raw water tanks**
>
> –Chanchal Pande, Sobha Chrysanthemum

The Hasiru Apartment contest represents the intent of the apartment residents to take this ownership," said Vikram Rai, general secretary, BAF.

Over 200 apartments across the city participated in the contest, and three winners each in the large (>300 houses), medium (100 to 300 houses) and small (<100 houses) categories were felicitated at a finale ceremony.

'Charge by meter', cops warn autos

Police say that they keep getting complaints about autos charging commuters extra

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Due to the increase in the number of complaints by commuters against high auto fares charged by drivers, the Bangalore Traffic Police have stepped in to create awareness among the latter.

Bangalore Mirror has previously reported on the plight of commuters due to increasing auto fares.

Kala Krishnamurthy, DCP, Northeast Division, said, "People have started travelling after Covid and that is why the issue regarding auto fares has come up again. The drivers do not go by the meter, so we have asked them to go by the meter and not charge excess money. If they are still doing so, people can always come to us and complain." However, commuters say that strict action needs to be taken against auto drivers who charge excess fares and ignore the meters.

Ranjith K, a commuter, said, "They charge as much as Rs 200-300 for covering barely six to seven kilometres. It is good to see that the police have taken initiatives to spread awareness among them and educate them."

Prasith Kumar, another commuter, said, "My father was coming back from Byappanahalli Metro Station to his house, which is barely seven kilometres. The auto driver did not say anything about the fare to him on the way, but after dropping him home, he asked for Rs 350." Kashish Joshi, also a commuter, told BM that police should penalise drivers who do not go by the meter.

Savitha Srinivas, DCP, Traffic North, said that police have started more than 50 awareness programs. The complaints are mostly about how the auto drivers are charging exorbitant fares, she told BM.

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Auto fares take commuters for a rid

BM's report on August 18

"They are not wearing uniform and are also not maintaining lane discipline. Some autos refuse to take people to certain places. In every auto stand there is place for only 4-5 vehicles to stand, however, there will be a lot of autos in those stands, and the drivers will also stand in crowded places, bus stops, and other places where there is no parking to get the attention of people.Until July, we have received 500 complaints about auto drivers," she added.

She further said that an auto stand would come up in Hebbal Circle near the bus stop as many people look for autos after they reach there.

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Fill potholes first

Hebbal Kempapura

An unnecessary speedbreaker was built on the main road in Coffee Board Layout, Hebbal Kempapura. Potholes can be filled up too.

BBMP, you're needed

Moore Road

BBMP is not removing the branches on Moore Road despite complaints. It has been five months.

Park elsewhere

Hebbal

A police vehicle parked on the footpath in front of Hebbal main Police Station is forcing pedestrians to walk on the busy main road.

ORR's pavement parties leaving bad hangover

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The telltale signs are there for all to see. Empty liquor bottles, some broken, some intact, strewn about carelessly on a dimly lit Outer Ring Road that lies between Malagala and Nagarabhavi circle. While the drinkers may have successfully evaded all watchful eyes so far, the remnants of their party have caught motorists' attention and those driving past are not happy.

Suresh S, a resident of Nagarabavi said, "The presence of liquor bottles raises alarm as it is a clear indication that many may be indulging in drinking on the sides of the road at night. These bottles are left on the road and footpath and if pedestrians step on it, there is risk of injury."

Devaraj R, a resident of Malagala had a different view. "We have been seeing bottles for a long time and the authorities have failed to notice this. This can be dangerous as if someone is drinking on the road side, then both the people who are drinking on the roadside and the motorists will be in danger. If those in an inebriated condition end up on the road, then motorists could hit them."

Also, if people stray on to the road in the night, motorists may lose control and cause accidents. Moreover, the road is quite dark due to the absence or non-functioning of street lights, he added.

Sundar Kumar, a college student explained how these bottles depicted a growing trend of people buying liquor and preferring to drink next to

Bangalore Mirror
This road is not a bar, mind it

BM had reported on Aug 5 about police cracking down on public drinking

highways. "We had seen liquor bottles lined up all along ORR near Marathahalli a few years ago."

The locals say they are surprised that these bottles surface in the night and during the day, the traffic cops are posted at the place as an interceptor is stationed at this road to check on speeding. Nandan Gowda, a student said, "I think this place is chosen for drinking as it is desolate. There are no houses or shops around as the ORR at this stretch has flyovers and underpasses with service roads. People either stop their vehicles to take a drink or walk some distance to sit and drink. The police must ramp up vigil at night." The residents also urged BBMP to clear the trash regularly.

Cynical about K-RERA, complainants try luck elsewhere

Tired of waiting for grievance redressal, several home-buyers withdrawing complaints with regulatory authority, knocking on consumer courts' door

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Are homebuyers losing faith in the Karnataka Real Estate Regulatory Authority (K-RERA)? It certainly seems so if one looks at the number of complaints lodged with the K-RERA that are being withdrawn. It is said that some homebuyers, who failed to get flats on time, have written letters to the K-RERA officials informing them that they are withdrawing their complaints.

The objective of K-RERA is to ensure accountability towards allottees and protect their interest and infuse transparency, and reduce frauds and delays. However, the homebuyers complain that K-RERA has failed miserably in delivering justice to them and in penalising builders for a delay in completing the housing projects.

"There is zero progress in redressing our grievances. I lodged a complaint with K-RERA in October 2020. The K-RERA did nothing in the last 21 months. Recently, the K-RERA sent me a message on the date of hearing my complaint but I informed it that I want to withdraw my complaint and approach a consumer court seeking justice," said Santosh Patwardhan, a homebuyer who invested money in a prestigious builders' project.

S Keshav Murthy, a software engineer, said he had paid 95 percent of the cost towards a 3-BHK at the project. "The builder was supposed to hand over the flat to me in 2015 but till date nothing has moved. I lodged a complaint with K-RERA two years ago but nothing has been done to redress my grievance," said Murthy.

A homebuyer on condition of anonymity, said that he paid 90 percent (Rs 62.50 lakh) of the cost in 2013. "The builder was supposed to handover the flat to me in April 2016 but failed to do so even after six years of the deadline. I filed a complaint with the K-RERA but it did nothing by them too," he said.

According to sources, 48 homebuyers from the same project have now decided to file suits with the Consumer Forum to get their grievances redressed.

According to Dhananjaya Padmanabhachar, Sanchalak, Karnataka Home Buyers Forum,

> **"The builder was supposed to handover the flat to me in April 2016 but failed to do so even after six years of the deadline**

due to RERA implementation failures in Karnataka, home buyers are now looking at Consumer Protection Act and have started withdrawing cases in RERA and registering complaints in Consumer Courts. "The biggest question that's still not able to find an answer is 'What are challenges that RERA in Karnataka is facing to implement the RERA Act to give justice?" he said.

Meanwhile, K-RERA Secretary Ibrahim Maigur said the disposal or hearing of complaints has picked up from last April onwards. "I am not aware of homebuyers withdrawing their complaints lodged with K-RERA. We have taken measures to ensure speedy disposal of complaints from homebuyers. Earlier, there was just one bench functioning. Now, six benches are functioning from April 2022," said Maigur.

He said that K-RERA has already sent a proposal to the State Government seeking its nod for recruiting 81 more employees. "As of now, around 60 employees, most of them are outsourced by a private agency. We want to have employees with efficiency. So, we sent a proposal to the government to have 81 more employees," he said.

What's that awful sound?

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increase in the monthly decibel values by a staggering 77.5% at night-time and around 15% during the day, the sensor at RVCE, another silence zone in the city, exhibited an increase in the monthly noise level by 99% during the night and around 55% during the day.

The highest increase in monthly decibel values this year was also recorded by the sensor installed at the TERI office in Domlur -- a 47% increase in the decibel level at night time and a 20% surge during the day.

As per Central Pollution Control Board specifications, the permissible sound level (dB) in a silent zone during the day is 50 dB and during the night time is 40 dB. However, while the RVCE station recorded an average noise level of 77.4 dB during the day, it was a staggering 79.6 dB at night. Similarly, NIMHANS recorded an average of 71 dB at night and 57.9 dB during the day.Installed at ten noise-sensitive and commercial spots, monitoring stations record the noise level in decibels (dB) originating from vehicular traffic, civil works and industry.

Anti-noise pollution activists said it is a combination of lack of sensitivity, knowledge, and enforcement that has resulted in the current problem. According to them, traffic police and pollution control officials undertake almost zero enforcement.

"High decibel values in these areas are mostly owing to vehicular noise pollution. Citizens are not aware that honking is illegal, more so near schools, hospitals and at night in residential areas. However, there is zero enforcement of this law. Even the RTOs do not bother to check vehicle horns while registering new vehicles or even while renewing registrations. Some vehicle manufacturers are also providing loud and shrill horns; illegal horns are readily available in the market," said Rajkumar Dugar, a city-based anti-noise pollution activist.

Curious case of decibel meters

According to KSPCB officials, as many as 108 decibel meters have been provided to the city traffic police to monitor and penalise vehicles with shrill horns and loud noise.

"We have given directions to the traffic police department to take appropriate steps regarding the vehicular noise pollution in the city. The board has provided 108 decibel meters to the department to monitor all the vehicles and penalise the defaulters under the Motor Vehicle Act," a KSPCB official told BM.

However, the traffic police department denied receiving any such device. "There is some miscommunication. The 100-odd devices to monitor decibel levels have been in discussion for the past two years but we have not received them from KSPCB. They must have given it to the law and order department," said a senior traffic police official.

Take prior permission for public Ganeshotsav: BBMP

BBMP to also set up committee of BESCOM, police and fire departments to monitor city during festivities

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BBMP will deploy trained swimmers in immersion tanks to avoid any accidents

After two years, the Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) has decided to permit 'public Ganeshotsav' in the city but with a condition. Those organising Ganeshotsav on the streets have to get a prior 'No Objection Certificate' (NOC) from BBMP without which permission won't be granted.

BBMP Chief Commissioner Tushar Giri Nath said, "We have decided to go for a single window agency to provide permission for organising Ganeshotsav. The organisers have to seek permission from the respective Assistant Executive Engineer at sub-divisional offices. The AEE will accord the permission after consulting the police, fire brigade and BESCOM. A single NOC is enough for the festival."

Sources said that this would mean that the organisers need not run from pillar to post to get the permission but, it will also apply brakes on those who conduct the programme without permission.

However, BBMP may not permit the Ganeshotsav festivities beyond a fortnight. For this purpose, the Chief Commissioner has directed the officers of all the departments to form a committee of BBMP, the police, BESCOM and fire brigade officers in the 63 sub-divisional offices to monitor the city.

"Like every year, the corporation directed us to make proper arrangements for the immersion of idols at Sankey, Ulsoor, Yediyur, Hebbal and other big lakes. For those residents who are staying far away from lakes, BBMP is planning to use mobile tanks which will be moved around key places/ junctions of each zone. To ensure safe immersion, barricading will be provided around the designated lakes for the immersion. Skilled swimmers will also be deputed shift-wise to immerse the idols," Nath said.

This is done to prevent any accidents while immersing idols.

Nath said, in a meeting on Sunday, that immersion tanks will be equipped with boats, pump sets, cranes, proper lighting and police.

Manufacturing of chemical, painted, Polystyrene or Plaster of Paris idols is prohibited. Officials are instructed to inspect the areas where such idols are sold and take necessary action.

"A penalty will be imposed on those who undertake producing or selling Ganesha idols made using chemical dyes, and plaster of Paris materials," Nath added.

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–Tushar Giri Nath, BBMP Chief Commissioner

Rain effect: Chamundi Hills braces for more landslides

The road leading to the Nandi Statue was severely damaged recently due to heavy rains. With the repair still ongoing, there is a possibility of more landslides.

The authorities observed several cracks on roads in nearby places and the road from Uttanahalli to Nandi Statue is also feared to collapse if the rains continue.

Environmentalists and experts are calling the ongoing work unscientific. The continuous movement of tippers and huge trucks is causing more pressure on the road that might lead to further landslides. Small boulders are seen falling from the hill leading to soil erosion.

The number of tourists is increasing more than ever. The recent Ashada and long weekends created more pressure on the hill. The development works which were taken in recent days also reduced the age of the hill. The environmentalists warn if development is not controlled, the danger is inevitable.

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Ex-Mayor BL Bhyrappa said, "The works started near Nandi statue brought the danger to the two-km stretch on the road. It is essential to ban heavy vehicles on this road and take appropriate preventive measures before severe damage to hills".

On October 21, 2021, there was a landslide near the Nandi statue. On November 5 another part of the road partially collapsed. There were four landslides in the month of November. Since then, the road was closed to vehicles.

–Prakash VL

The road from Uttanahalli to Nandi Statue might also collapse if the rains continue

Not a friendly neighbourhood spider-burglar

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Police recovered a bike, 230 gm gold, 200 gm silver, and Rs four lakh in cash

Twenty-year-old Ramkumar, prime accused in a series of burglary cases, and Madhusudhan Parsad (45), his partner, were arrested by Kadugodi Police in their hometown in Jamui district, Bihar.

Ramkumar had mastered the art of climbing multi-storeyed buildings through plumbing, piping and painting jobs.

"Ramkumar could scale up and reach the fourth floor using the plumbing lines within a couple of minutes and hang on to a balcony's sun-shade/roof, and swing himself hanging on to it jumping into the balcony without much effort to gain access into a house," investigating officer Manjunath told Bangalore Mirror.

Arresting the accused was a difficult task for the city police as his hometown in Bihar was infested with Naxal activities and the villagers saw law-enforcement officials as enemies.

"Ramkumar used to study the dynamics of a particular flat and how to easily gain access to it without much effort. The accused, especially Ramkumar, is an expert in opening sliding metal doors. Ramkumar used to open the sliding metal doors without any tools or even breaking the lock, he just dismantled the rolling track," the police added.

Since he knows all the escape routes, he confidently engaged in his work during nighttimes when the inmates were not at home, the police said.

A series of burglaries were reported in and around Kadugodi, an emerging real-estate hub with multiple high-rise apartments.

Deputy Commissioner of Police (DCP) Whitefield Division, S Girish was apprised of this trend of burglaries, especially at flats in apartments. They activated their local intelligence informant sources, who were able to track the duo. But they had already fled to their village in Bihar.

While Ramkumar was the mastermind, Madhusudhan used to help the former to sell the robbed gold and silver to his sources and took a commission from the booty, the police said.

A team of police from Kadugodi left for Jamui district in Bihar where they had to confront angry villagers who engaged in heated arguments with police authorities. They assumed that police always showed high-handedness and they would not allow any of their villagers to go with the police.

"Without an arrest warrant from a court, it is impossible to arrest a person from that village in Bihar. The entire village would surround and gheraoed the police team," an investigating officer said.

With support from the local police, they managed to secure the arrest of the duo and brought them back to Bengaluru to produce them before the magistrate.

The Kadugodi police recovered 230 gm of gold ornaments, 200 gm of silver articles, an R-15 Yamaha bike, and Rs four lakh in cash. The entire stolen booty was worth Rs 21 lakh, informed a senior officer.

KAUSHIK JN

Dangerous beauty

Kaushik JN discovers perils and pleasures of a 30-km rly track trek to Dudhsagar

On August 1, as I was returning after an assignment, I happened to see a destination display in Dudhsagar. Gripped by a desire to witness the mighty waterfalls, which from what I had heard was just a 2-hour trek away, I decided to go for it. This was the start of an unforgettable journey, that made me regret and realise my dream of witnessing India's fifth and Asia's ninth tallest falls. Falling from a height of 1,017 ft, the fall is flanked by dense forests in Bhagwan Mahaavire Sanctuary and Mollem national park.

The falls is on the railway tracks, between Castle Rock Railway Station, Karnataka and Kulem railway Station in South Goa. Many goods trains and a few passenger trains pass through this stretch of the Western Ghats.

I parked the car at Kulem railway station, and asked around about dos and don'ts of the trek. I was informed it is a four-hour trek and advised to go with a guide. I saw many trekkers walking on the railway track. "This is the best way to reach the waterfalls because it leads to the falls," they said.

I was unsure if I should carry on as I had not had breakfast and was carrying a camera equipment bag weighing 10 kg and a water bottle and wearing shoes not suitable for rough terrains.

My phone's network vanished and I decided to walk ahead at 9.30 am. After walking for 3 km, I was stopped by forest department volunteers who said, "You will be penalised if you enter the forest; follow the track all the way."

All I thought of at the time was the destination, so I pushed on.

Now I had walked for six km and couldn't hear the waterfalls or have a glimpse yet. My water bottle and my stomach were empty. Along the way, there were no stores -- all I encountered were dead frogs and snakes, liquor and plastic bottles, and thousands of worn out shoe soles on the railway track.

Later in my lone walk, I met gangmen and asked about the way ahead. "You have reached just halfway. There are no passenger trains to get back to the railway station until tomorrow. You will find nothing to eat or drink or even a shelter when it rains so get back now or else you have to walk in the dark for another 23 km," they said.

The thought of having to walk on with numb legs and no water, made me begin to regret my decision. I should have come prepared I thought, but then realised there was no adventure if you knew everything beforehand.

It was noon now. I had walked a long way on the rough terrain and crossed five tunnels in the pitch dark. At last the majestic 'Sea of Milk' was coming into view. I sat beside the track and gazed on. For the first 30 minutes, I did not bring my camera out.

By then the weather turned -- I had to wear my rain gear and take in all the sights. The forest area was abuzz with life -- butterflies and monkeys and sound of gurgling water.

Clockwise from top: The majestic Dudhsagar covered in rain; A good samaritan who helped out with noodles and herbal tea; a railway track worker busy in the rain; several trekkers were seen charging ahead along the track; a langur looks comfortable in its habitat

It started raining so I collected rain water to quench my thirst. I met a man who works with a natural disaster team and asked if he had a biscuit. But the generous man made me some noodles and a herbal tea. I enjoyed the view of the waterfalls covered in mist. Thanking him, I then walked three km closer to the waterfalls.

I felt alive and restored. Just a km away from the falls is the Dudhsagar railway station, where I asked the railway staff about my return. They refused to help and told me to walk back. "There are many leopards and a tiger in this jungle. You start walking back as it is already 6 pm. You are on your own," they said, quite ominously.

As I was packing up, a passenger train halted near the falls. Passenger trains halt here for visitors to see it, but many jumped out and started running towards the waterfalls. The railway police chased them away. I spoke with the tourists who had got down from the train, hundreds of tourists, many women and children, carrying no water or food, wearing flat sandals. "We were told by the railway ticket collector that there will be another train after 20 minutes," they said.

I told them there was no passenger train till the next morning. I suggested they request the railway police to get onto a goods train and reach a safe place. This info sent them into panic. But they decided to walk anyway after being shooed away with the RPF.

As I started walking to Kulem, they followed me for a km and stopped inside a tunnel as children had begun crying. There is a small railway station nearby and a goods train slowed down to pick up the railway staff, but more than 50 people jumped onto the moving train and hid in the dark. The train driver got down with a torch, spotted the people and forced them to get down. Many started crying and pleading. But he did not budge. "I face this issue every day. Many stand in front of the train also, but I am helpless," the driver told me.

I reached the parking area after a long walk in the dark around 1 am. Drenched and bruised, I managed to start the drive back to the city.

The trek is illegal

Later I spoke with many trekkers who often visit Dudhsagar. "The RPF has banned tourists walking on the railway track a month ago. This place is offlimits, as it is illegal to enter it through the forest or the track. If anyone is caught by the Government of Goa, forest officials, they can be heavily fined or end up in jail too," they said.

Another traveller said they suggest people take a train to Dudhsagar at noon and stay near the waterfalls till the next morning and then trek back to Castle Rock or Kulem railway station. Suman who visited the falls for the first time said he has decided never to do it again. "I never want to come here with my family after seeing some posts and misguided trek plans on social media," he said.

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STORYBEHINDTHEPHOTO

PDA MUCH?

I caught this pair of Sun Conures in Bannerghatta, oblivious to the world outside

The picture was clicked by BM reader **Nikhil Nanaiah**

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DID YOU KNOW?

Basaveshwaranagar, located to the west of Rajajinagar, is sandwiched between the localities of Mahalakshmi Layout to the north and Vijayanagara to the south, spread across multiple sub-localities, three assembly constituencies and seven Bruhat Bengaluru Mahanagara Palike (BBMP) wards. It was named after Basavanna (also known as Basaveshwara), a social reformer, and was formed as an extension by the City Improvement Trust Board (currently the Bangalore Development Authority) in stages between the 1970s and early 1980s. At that time (even now unofficially), the area was known as West of Chord Road as it lay to the west of the Chord Road which at the time was considered the western end of the city. There were also many private layouts in the area formed in the 1970s by public and private sector organisations for their employees such as LIC, Kirloskar Group, SBI and BEML among others.

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where Bengalureans speak their mind

What is the one civic amenity you are missing in your area?

Manisha S, Student
I have seen segregated dustbins for dry waste and wet waste in the city premises. But when it comes to my place in Taverekere, I have never seen even one proper public dustbin.

Pooja Panchal, Student
Lack of maintenance of clean drainage systems is a serious problem in my neighbourhood, where mosquitoes breed and spread diseases. Hope authorities fix this.

Kiran Kamath,
Managing Consultant
Owners of pet dogs do not pick up after their dog when they take them out. The road is littered with dog poop. A mobile van with civic authorities to educate them and posters depicting how to collect them would help.

CT Abraham, Engineer
One basic amenity which Cox Town is missing is a proper vegetable, fruit and meat market. In addition the main MM Road is in a very bad shape with many potholes. Also, garbage is heaped next to St Peter's Church making the stench unbearable.

Mehak Mudassir, Journalist
I'm a resident of Basveshwara-nagar 2nd Stage and there is no metro connectivity. I feel it would be far better if we have metro in our area.

Amisha Pillai, Student
I personally feel that a public park is a necessity in my area as it is a recreational space for people from all walks of life. It encourages us to come out and socialise.

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Road caught between BBMP and panchayat blame game

In Doddagubbi, road was never repaired after being dug up; students live in constant anxiety

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For the school-and college-goers living in Doddagubbi, travelling to and fro is a challenge simply because of the broken road in front of Ekya School and Commits that was dug up almost two years ago, but never repaired.

Dr K Sai Prasad, Dean, Commits, college, said, "It is a bus route and a proper connecting road, but it has been completely broken now. There are a lot of schools there as well. All it needs is a little bit of repair which will make travel way easier for people."

The residents also say that when they tried to take up the issue with the BBMP authorities, they said that the road falls under Doddagubbi panchayat, and hence, they were not responsible. However, residents claimed they saw BBMP vehicles entering the road to collect garbage.

The stretch in Doddagubbi is a pedestrian's worst nightmare

The road is especially risky for children, parents say. Rohith S, one such parent, said, "My son goes to Ekya and the stretch of road in front of it is in a very poor condition. It has been like this for a very long time. Initially I did not come to drop or pick up my son from school. However, after seeing the condition of the road, I felt it was dangerous for him to go alone and so I started picking him up and dropping him."

Another student at a school nearby said, "I travel by cycle and come here, but on this stretch of road, it is impossible to do so. The road is uneven and quite risky. One day I was about to fall because of the craters on the road; fortunately, I did not get injured."

The residents say that apart from the poor condition of the road, some of the other issues are no proper streetlights in the area as well as no drains.

Rishabh Shah, a resident, said, "There are no lights which makes it very dark during evenings. There is also dumping of construction debris in Doddagubbi Lake. Frequent power cuts are also common in the area."

A BBMP official said that they were looking into the matter, and they would take necessary action.

India, Australia conclude maritime exercise
The Maritime Partnership Exercise (MPX) between the navies of India and Australia concluded on Saturday

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25 dead as rains inflict chaos on HP, U'khand

At least 16 killed and 8 missing in Himachal after landslides, other incidents

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At least 25 people were killed in the hilly regions of the north and in the plains of the east as monsoon rains triggered flashfloods, landslides, and house collapses, upending normal life across large swathes of the country.

Himachal Pradesh bore the maximum brunt as at least 16 people were killed and eight went missing after landslides and other rain-related incidents in Mandi, Kangra and Chamba.

The Chakki bridge in Himachal Pradesh's Kangra collapsed due to heavy rains on Saturday, disrupting train services between Pathankot and Jogindernagar.

In the hill state of Uttarakhand, a series of cloudbursts early Saturday killed four people, while 10 went missing as rivers breached banks, washed away bridges, and threw mud and waters inside houses, forcing evacuation of multiple villages.

As the gushing waters threatened more damage, a number of roads were blocked for traffic, while all Anganwadi centres and schools were ordered shut in the Pauri district of Uttarakhand.

Rains also pounded parts of eastern India, with Odisha -- already reeling under floods in the Mahanadi river system with around 4 lakh people marooned in 500 villages – reporting four deaths, and neighbouring Jharkhand one.

Collapsed portion of railway bridge over the Chakki river

Odisha braced for more damage with parts in its north receiving rains since Friday night. Prices of vegetables have shot up in the markets of Bhubaneswar with the supply chain disrupted.

Water levels in Subarnarekha, Budhabalang, Baitarani and Salandi are being monitored as Balasore, Keonjhar and Mayurbhanj received heavy rain on the previous night, Odisha Water Resources Chief Engineer BK Mishra said on Saturday.

In the neighbouring Jharkhand, heavy rainfall associated with high-speed winds since Friday evening uprooted scores of trees and electricity poles, and submerged low-lying areas in many districts.

A woman died when a mud wall of her house caved in on her in West Singhbhum district on Saturday morning as the deep depression that crossed the Odisha coast on the previous evening brought incessant rainfall in several areas, an official said. **PTI**

Mumbai on alert after 26/11-like attack message sent to cops

#MUMBAI

Making note of the 26/11-like terrorist attack threat received by Mumbai Police on Saturday, Maharashtra Deputy Chief Minister Devendra Fadnavis said that the government has taken the message "very seriously" and added that the agencies have been directed to investigate the matter.

A threat message warning of a 26/11-like terrorist attack was sent to the WhatsApp number of Mumbai Police traffic control from a Pakistan-based phone number. The threat message states that 6 people will execute the plan in India.

A case has been registered against unidentified persons under section 506 (2) of Indian Penal Code at the Worli Police Station This comes days after a boat with 3 AK-47 guns and ammunition was recovered at Harihareshwar Beach.

"We have taken the case of the threat message very seriously. Agencies have been informed of all measures to investigate the threat," said Maharashtra's Dy CM Devendra Fadnavis. The investigations have been started by the crime branch and the officials informed that the registration of the case is underway at the Worli police station.

An RPF jawan keeps an eye out as Mumbai was on high alert

The Commissioner of police outlined the series of events around the incident. "Last night, Mumbai's traffic police control received some messages, talking about spreading terror, they were threatening. The texts mentioned that some of the threatener's associates are also active in India," said Mumbai Commissioner of Police Vivek Phansalkar. **-ANI**

Day after raid, Sisodia says it will be Modi vs Kejriwal in 2024

#NEW DELHI

A day after being raided by the CBI over alleged irregularities in the excise policy, Delhi's Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia claimed the BJP government is scared of Arvind Kejriwal who is emerging as a "national alternative" to Prime Minister Narendra Modi.

"The 2024 Lok Sabha polls will be a battle between Arvind Kejriwal and Prime Minister Narendra Modi. It will be AAP vs BJP," Sisodia said, alleging that the raids were a ploy to stop AAP chief Kejriwal's rise.

Addressing a press conference on Saturday, the deputy chief minister said that in the next 3-4 days, CBI or ED may arrest him, but, "I want to tell them we are not scared, we are followers of Bhagat Singh." Sisodia said the BJP was not concerned about corruption but was targeting

Delhi Deputy Chief Minister Manish Sisodia addressing a press conference over CBI raid and other issues, in New Delhi

Delhi Chief Minister Kejriwal, whose work on education and health was being talked about in the world, and that is why Satyendar Jain was arrested. The AAP leader said the people of the country were fed up with PM Narendra Modi's "use of CBI and ED for toppling opposition governments and wanted to give a chance to Kejriwal in 2024". **-PTI**

Defence forces may be allowed to buy critical weapons system

#NEW DELHI

Seeking to strengthen operational preparedness, India is likely to allow defence forces to buy critical weapons systems under emergency acquisition powers which would allow them to buy any system or equipment under the fast-track route.

The powers, which were first granted to defence forces post-Uri surgical strikes in 2016 during heightened tensions with Pakistan, have been helpful in tackling the military standoff with China going on since May 2020.

The case for granting emergency acquisition powers to defence forces is expected to come up for discussion in a high-level defence ministry meeting planned to be held next week. government sources told ANI.

The emergency powers allow forces to acquire any new or in-service equipment on a fast-track basis to improve preparedness for conflict situations. In the previous approvals, the defence forces had the power to sign deals for equipment worth Rs 300 crore and the products had to be delivered within three months to one year, the sources said. The armed forces have to spend funds from their own budgetary allocation and don't have to take the defence ministry's approval for these deals, the sources said. **ANI**

ELSEWHERE IN THE NATION

Additional flights by Air India to connect key metros

#NEW DELHI

Aiming to boost connectivity between key metro cities, Air India will start 24 additional domestic flights from Saturday onwards. Most of these flights will be deployed on the routes of metro cities including Mumbai, Delhi, Bengaluru, Chennai. While Air India will add two new frequencies from Delhi to Mumbai, Bengaluru and Ahmedabad, and from Mumbai to Chennai and Hyderabad, one new frequency on the Mumbai-Bengaluru route and Ahmedabad-Pune route will be included as well. "The additional 24 flights include two new frequencies from Delhi to Mumbai, Bengaluru and Ahmedabad," the airline said in a statement.

No new cars, touching feet: Tejashwi's code

#PATNA

Bihar Deputy Chief Minister Tejashwi Prasad Yadav on Saturday came out with a list of directives for cabinet colleagues belonging to the RJD, in an obvious attempt at image makeover for his party.

The RJD heir apparent issued the commandments on his official Twitter handle, whereby party ministers have been forbidden from purchasing new cars and also from allowing visitors to touch feet.

"Greetings should be exchanged with namaste or aadab," said Yadav, whose party is facing the heat over criminal cases pending against many ministers.

He further asked ministers to conduct themselves "with dignity and humility" and give priority to helping the poor "irrespective of their religion and caste".

Bihar Deputy CM Tejashwi Yadav

"Please also promote exchange of books or pens in place of bouquets," added the leader who now seems intent on projecting a more mature image of himself.

In an apparent bid to restrain RJD members from gloating over their party being the largest partner, he used the term "under the leadership of honourable chief minister" twice while instructing ministers to encourage probity, transparency and quick action and make use of social media to apprise the people of the government's initiatives.

The BJP, which has been in a sulk over sudden loss of power after Chief Minister Nitish Kumar quit NDA alleging attempts at splitting his JD(U), reacted with sarcasm.

"The script is well written. But who is going to read and understand... Nonetheless, in the interests of Bihar we appeal to the ministers to heed the advice of Tejashwi bhai," state BJP spokesman Nikhil Anand said in a statement. **-PTI**

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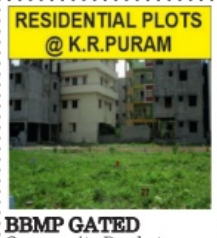

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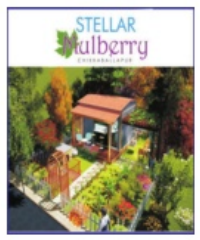

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Shoddy lake revival, allege residents

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"I do not know why the condition of the lake remains pathetic and nauseating even after rejuvenation four years ago. BBMP spent a considerable amount for the rejuvenation but there is nothing to celebrate except weeds and dirty water," said Basavaraj, a resident of Jagadish Nagar.

Residents pointed out that the BBMP lakes department engaged a contractor to remove water hyacinth from the lake. The contractor engaged a few workers, but no weeding has been done for the last 15 days.

"I was very happy to see workers removing water hyacinth from the lake. They have dumped the weeds that were removed from the lake on the lake bund near one of the entrances. However, no one is seen now," said Swapna S, a resident from a nearby apartment.

The residents also alleged that the BBMP lakes department engineers were not visiting the lake on a regular basis. "We do not know when the department engineers will visit this lake. I have never seen any BBMP engineer supervising the ongoing construction of a sewage treatment plant (STP) on the southern side of the lake," said a resident pleading anonymity.

The residents also added that the water in the lake is being polluted due to sewage entering from the west side. "The BBMP engineers have to do something to prevent dirty water from entering the lake. What is the use of such water if it is not clean?" asked Kumar S, resident of Vibhuthipura.

Meanwhile, BBMP chief engineer, in-charge of lakes, Shashikumar said he took charge recently. "All the measures will be taken to keep Vibhuthipura Lake clean. You can have more information from the BBMP lakes department executive engineer," said Shashikumar.

BBMP executive engineer (lakes) Ravi said that weeding of Vibhutipura Lake would be taken up shortly. "The sewage treatment plant (STP) is being constructed at an estimated cost of Rs 3 crore. The STP will prevent dirty water entering the lake by letting treated water into the lake in future," said the executive engineer.

Corruption rampant in Govt offices: Karnataka HC

The Karnataka High Court has denied bail to a Bangalore Development Authority (BDA) official stating that there was rampant corruption in government offices. "Now-a-days, in the Government office, corruption has become rampant and no file will be moved without any bribe. Therefore, I am of the view that the petitioner is not entitled for the grant of bail at this stage," Justice K Natarajan said while denying bail to B T Raju, an assistant engineer at BDA.

BDA had allegedly used land belonging to Suvvalal Jain and Suresh Chand Jain for a road without proper acquisition proceedings. An application for an alternative site in lieu of the land was filed by their GPA (General Power of Attorney) holder Manjunath. Raju allegedly demanded a bribe of Rs one crore, negotiated it down to Rs 60 lakh and was caught red-handed while accepting a bribe of Rs five lakh in cash on June seven, 2022. The application by Manjunath was filed in November 2021 before the BDA which was moved to the Additional Land Acquisition Officer and thereafter to the Surveyor and then Executive Engineer (West), and finally on January three, 2022 before Raju.

Raju allegedly kept it pending till the day of his trapping by the ACB and his arrest six months later.

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Soneelam Chodha tells us all about evolution of Bengaluru's most-loved Punjabi food go-to place

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One of the first restaurants that brought phulkas, chaats, and other Punjabi delicacies to Bengaluru is set to open their second outlet on August 29, but their roots date back to the 70s.

Queens restaurant came to be in 1974 when Soneelam Chodha's cooking was praised by many who wanted her to take a step further and turn her talent into her business.

"When I came to Bangalore, there weren't many outlets here – especially for Punjabi food. Everybody who visited me used to like my cooking," she said.

Sonelaam's husband had a manager who used to come by their home to collect liquor as he used to be in the liquor business at the time. Having been one of the people who had a chance to witness her chef skills, he had told her husband that they should try opening a restaurant. That's how the very first Queens outlet was born on Church Street.

Support came from all directions when she announced the news.

"My father, who was a big foodie himself, always wanted me to open a restaurant. When I told him about this he was delighted and said he would give me his full support," she recalled fondly.

Once Queens opened, people came for authentic, freshly-made, home-style Punjabi food with traditional techniques like slow-cooking. Sonaleem says that it is their 'wholesome' aspect that separates Queens from other North Indian restaurants - usually thought of as heavy, oily, and rich - in the city.

"We have a lot of regulars here because our food is not heavy," she told BM. "From our parathas to our desserts, everything is made with pure ghee. We don't go overboard with our spices. We keep it light and don't serve oily food that can't be had regularly."

What makes Queens special is how they tailor themselves for their customer's needs, she explained.

"Just a few days back, one customer came here and told me she knew she would be looked after, which is why she came here despite being allergic to nuts. Obviously, we took care of that. I said 'don't worry, we'll get food made without nuts'. Butter chicken is made with cashews, but just for her, I tweaked the recipe," she told BM.

Similarly, when people say they are vegan or Jain, Soneelam makes sure to alter the recipe accordingly.

"No other restaurant will look after these things. We make sure everyone is taken care of," she said.

After a period of closing doors from 2017, Queens was reopened in August, 2021 at RMV Extension, with a bigger team.

Queens fan-turned-managing partner, Jagdish, said, "We told aunty that we couldn't let a legend close and we would take it forward for her. The only changes we made since coming on board were removing some Chinese dishes like chili chicken because we wanted to keep just pure, authentic Punjabi food. However, we do make curd rice on request because a lot of people ask for it."

The original menu is untouched otherwise.

Queens also prides itself for making all their spices themselves. Their paneer is also made in-house.

Jagdish's top picks at the restaurant are smoked baingan bharta and paneer jalfrezi – items he thinks people should not leave without trying.

He also says that Queens caters to the health-conscious with the kind of food they serve, evident in their new dessert additions.

"We used to have only gajar ka halwa earlier, but now we have added dal halwa, atta halwa – they are fast moving and loved among diet-conscious customers," he said.

They also serve chhota jamun with rabri that is made in-house.

Soneelam says their phulkas, dal tadka, chaats, chola bhatura, mutton rogan josh, and kebabs keep customers coming back for more. Jagdish agrees, saying that their food has earned them people who even come daily.

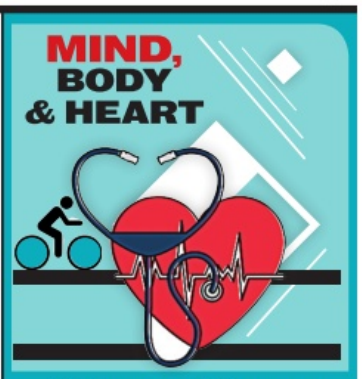
"We have one customer who has been coming here for 15-20 years. He only eats our stuffed capsicum masala. His family may order other things, but this is what he always sticks to. He orders nothing other than that, along with aloo kulcha. That tells you about the passion they have for our food," he said.

While the new outlet opening in Prestige Technostar, Brookefield may be smaller than the original one, the food will be the same.

"One of our old chefs is coming back and he will be responsible for heading the new outlet. He has been with us for a long time and is an expert on the recipes we are known for," said Jagdish.

While a lot of people want the outlet to expand further, Soneelam does not want to compromise with quality.

"We have gotten offers not just from around the city, but from London and New York as well. They are all old customers who love our food and want to invest in us. However, expanding too fast can make our quality take a hit, so we want to take it slow."



All problems solved

Dear Coleen

A few weeks ago, my best friend discovered her husband had been having an affair with a younger woman he met on a lads' holiday. My pal walked in on him having FaceTime 'sex' with her. They have two young children and my friend left with them and came to my house.
I was happy to take her and the kids in and I still want to support her, but my home is not my own any more! Her kids are fighting with mine all the time, we're all living on top of each other, and I'm worried my husband might leave for work one day and not return.
He's been supportive but I know the situation is getting to him.
My friend's husband is on the phone, pleading with her to come home, but she's too angry.
Apparently, he's ended this affair he had going on and wants to go to counseling to save their marriage.
How can I advise my friend without her feeling as if I want her out?

COLEEN SAYS

I don't think there's anything wrong in saying, "How are we going to move forward?" and opening up the conversation.
She knows she can't stay living in your home forever, but she might just be feeling stuck and may need help to work out a plan.
She's also getting a lot of support from you and might be worried that'll go if she moves out, so reassure her this won't be the case.
Whether she decides to work on her marriage or not, she needs to go back and face the music and start communicating with her husband about the next steps. She can ask her husband to leave until they've worked out how they want to take things forward.
I would encourage her to consider relationship counselling because it can either help them to separate or it can help them work through how they move on together.

—Coleen Nolan, Daily Mirror

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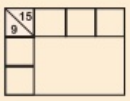
SOLVE IT IN A MINUTE

$[2^3 * 4\hat{}(½)]/8\hat{}(5/3) = ?$

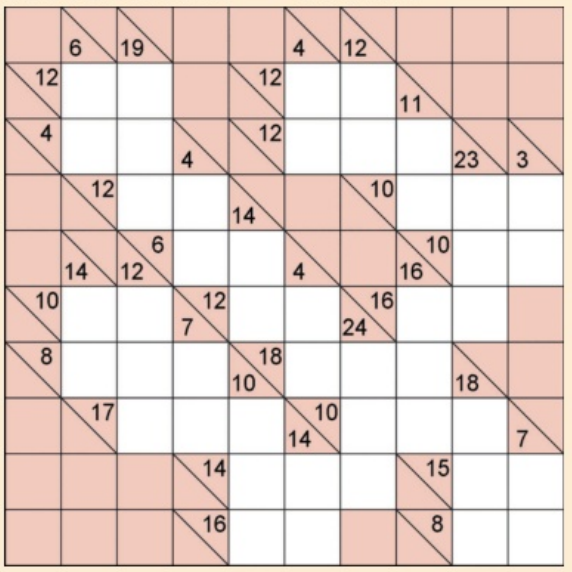
Kakuro

The numbers in the grey squares refer to the sums of the digits that you must fill into the empty spaces directly below or to the right of the grey square containing the number. For instance, in the given example, the 3 boxes horizontally next to 15 must contain 3 digits that add up to 15, whereas



for 9, it is the 2 boxes placed vertically under it that must add up to 9. No zeros are used here, only the digits 1 through 9.

Note: A digit cannot appear more than once in any particular digit combination. For instance, in the example, we cannot have the combination of 4+7+4 for 15.



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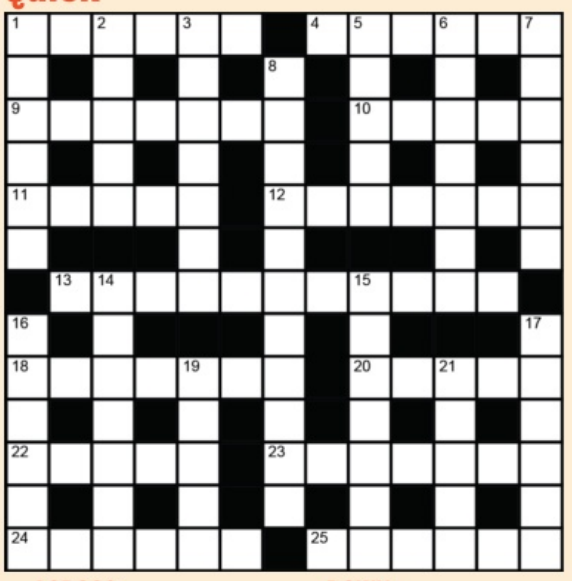


ACROSS

1 Egyptian Christian church (6)
4 Artist's workshop (6)
9 Experience (7)
10 One of a regular series of magazine etc. (5)
11 Fashion in dress? (5)
12 Mathematical system (7)
13 Desires; ambitions (11)
18 Sounding discordantly (7)
20 American Standard for Inf. Exchg. (5)
22 Santiago is its capital (5)
23 Looking lecherously (7)
24 Of most rational mind, in a way? (6)
25 Emblem or badge (6)

DOWN

1 Pleasure voyage (6)
2 Short and plump? (5)
3 Native of Nazareth (7)
5 Article or object (5)
6 Rubbish container (7)
7 Twenty-four hours? (3,3)
8 You'll find The Forum and Jyoti Nivas College in this area (11)
14 Belgrade native (7)
15 Figurative language (7)
16 Ousts or expels (6)
17 Ancient Roman poet and author – "Girl Vi" anagram? (6)
19 Objects or articles (5)
21 Ascend, go up a ladder or a mountain (5)

Quoteuncode

This puzzle is a substitution cipher in which one letter stands for another. If you think that Q equals C, it will equal C throughout the puzzle. Single letters, short words and words using an apostrophe give you clues to locating vowels. Solution is by trial and error.

Today's CLUE: B EQUALS P

KEAP XF TZQP NV YCE BPEBKP, XW QXUUPJPWY DXWQF EU FEKXYOQP. XY MZW NP XW Z MJECQ, NOY XW ZW ENKX-AXEOF MJECQ.

Linemaro

Did it hurt, when God dropped you from heaven?

Mindchow

Every human being is the author of his own health or disease

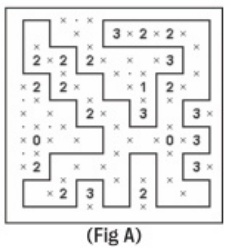
Joke of the day

There are two kinds of secrets: one is not worth keeping and the other is too good to keep

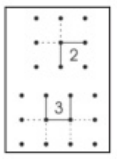
Loop

Rules

» Connect adjacent dots with vertical or horizontal lines, creating a single loop (Fig A). » Crossovers or branches are not allowed (As shown by dotted lines in Fig B). » Numbers in the puzzle indicate the number of lines that should surround it, while empty cells may be surrounded by any number of lines. » You can't draw lines around zeros. » Each puzzle has just one unique solution.



(Fig A)

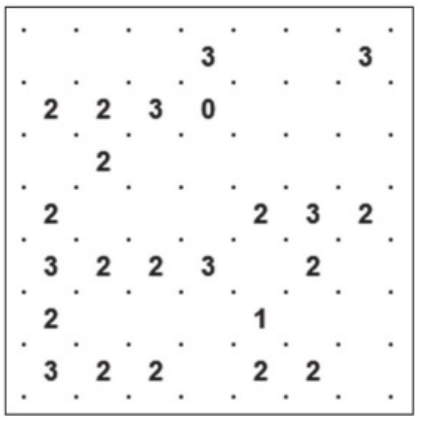


(Fig B) Not Allowed

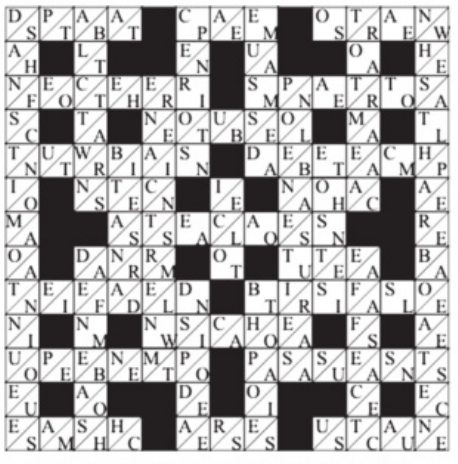
How to begin:

Example (Fig A) – Begin with the zero next to 3. Since no lines can be drawn around zero, mark crosses around it, as shown. Now there is a cross in one space around 3. So we know the three lines of 3 can only be drawn in the remaining three spaces. Next, these lines can only be extended in one direction each. Continue, using the same logic.

Hints: Keep eliminating possibilities by marking crosses in spaces between dots where a line isn't possible, i.e., if you have already completed required lines or where a line extension may create a branch or cause a dead-end (Fig B)



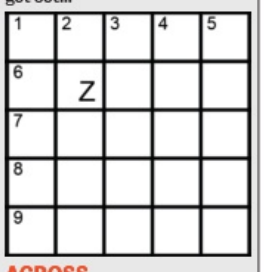
Strikeout



This crossword has no clues and the answer is there waiting for you. All you have to do is find it in each square. You have a choice of two letters, one of which you must strike out. If you choose correctly, you will be left with a grid that contains real words.

Fast five

How long do you think it will take you to unscramble the ten words shown below and fit them correctly into the grid in the order given one letter has already been entered to get you started? on your marks, get set...



ACROSS

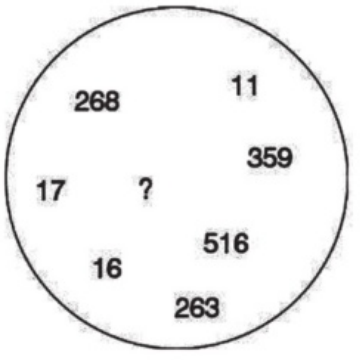
1 In orb; 6 In Zee (1-4); 7 Sheer; 8 Dante; 9 Baths

DOWN

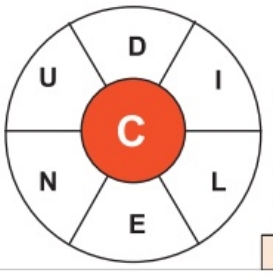
1 Brahe; 2 A Zone; 3 Brith; 4 Nites; 5 Dense

Mensapuzzle

What number should replace the question mark?



Bull's eye



How many words of four or more letters can you make from the letters shown? Every word must contain the central letter. There should be one seven-letter word. British English Dictionary is used as a reference.

08 Average; **09** Good; **11** Outstanding

SudokuChallenge

7	1						3	6
	6	2				8	4	
3				4				1
	7		1		9		2	
			6		5			
	3		4		8		9	
6				9				4
	5	3				9	1	
9	2						6	8

To solve a Sudoku puzzle, every digit from one to nine must appear in each of the nine vertical columns, in each of the nine horizontal rows and in each of the nine boxes.

Gofigure

Place the four numbers in the first, third, fifth, and seventh boxes and whatever operators you care to use in the second, fourth, and sixth boxes in the correct order to get the answer. Use the numbers only once.

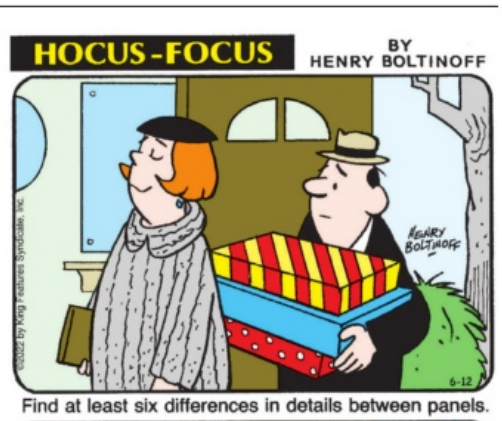
Easy = 25
3 6 7 9

Medium = 38
3 3 7 8

Hard = 30
5 6 6 6

HOCUS-FOCUS

BY HENRY BOLTINOFF



Find at least six differences in details between panels.

Differences: 1. Box is smaller. 2. Purse is larger. 3. Hat is different. 4. Arm is longer. 5. Hair is different. 6. Shelf under mirror is different.

Riddler

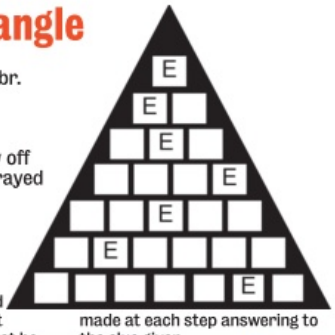
Find the names of ten fish by adding one of the given letters to each word and rearranging the letters. Each letter will be used only once.

A A E H L N N P T T

1. Nut + ? =
2. Tour + ? =
3. Prickle + ? =
4. Floured + ? =
5. Mason + ? =
6. Ringer + ? =
7. Papers + ? =
8. Gyro + ? =
9. Apron + ? =
10. Pompon + ? =

Alpha triangle

1 Second vowel
2 Extended play, abbr.
3 Shade of green
4 Record
5 Talented
6 Professorial show off
7 Sketched or portrayed



Beginning at the top move towards the bottom seven-letter word by adding a letter at each step and rearranging. A correct and different word must be made at each step answering to the clue given.

DIFFICULT TO SOLVE? FIND THESE SOLUTIONS ON THE NEXT PAGE »

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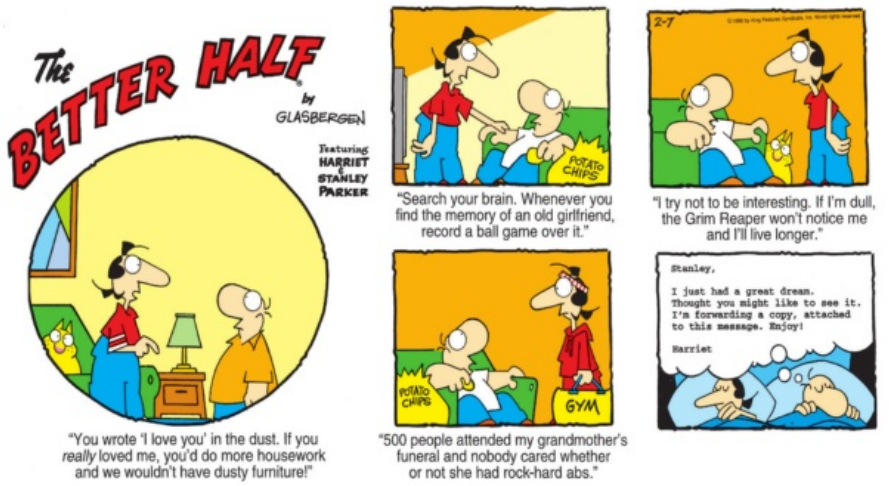
The BETTER HALF
by GLASBERGEN
Featuring HARRIET & STANLEY PARKER
"You wrote 'I love you' in the dust. If you really loved me, you'd do more housework and we wouldn't have dusty furniture!"
POTATO CHIPS
"Search your brain. Whenever you find the memory of an old girlfriend, record a ball game over it."
"I try not to be interesting. If I'm dull, the Grim Reaper won't notice me and I'll live longer."
POTATO CHIPS
GYM
"500 people attended my grandmother's funeral and nobody cared whether or not she had rock-hard abs."
Stanley,
I just had a great dream. Thought you might like to see it. I'm forwarding a copy, attached to this message. Enjoy!
Harriet

BABY BLUES™
BY RICK KIRKMAN & JERRY SCOTT
SURPRISE!
WE MADE ALL YOUR FAVORITES!
WOW
OH, MY! CHOCOLATE CHIP SMILEY-FACE PANCAKES WITH GUMMY WORMS... SCRAMBLED-EGG TACOS... AND, UM... KETCHUP...
...CINNAMON TOAST WITH NO CRUST... BACON WITH PEANUT-BUTTER DIP... AND LUCKY CHARMS IN APPLE JUICE!
TECHNICALLY, THESE ARE THE KIDS' FAVORITES...
...KIDS YOU MADE. HAPPY MOTHER'S DAY.

the AMAZING SPIDER-MAN
STAN LEE
THWIP!
POSSESSING INCREDIBLE "SPIDER-POWERS", PETER PARKER USES HIS SCIENTIFIC WIZARDRY TO CREATE AN ARTIFICIAL WEB-SHOOTER--
--A SIMPLE DEVICE, MAKING HIM MASTER OF THE CITY'S ROOFTOPS!
WE'LL BE ON THE OUTSKIRTS OF THE EVERGLADES IN ANOTHER HOUR, FOLKS.
THEN WHAT?
WE'LL HAVE TO PROCEED THE REST OF THE WAY BY MOTORBOAT.
I BUILT THAT REMOTE LAB BECAUSE I WANTED NO PRYING EYES AROUND--
STAN LEE 4-3 SAVIUK/SINNOTT
--WHILE I DID TESTS ON THE POSSIBILITY OF GROWING A NEW ARM.
BUT TELL ME, MRS. PARKER, WHY DID A MOVIE STAR WANT TO COME WITH US?
IT'S MJ, DR. CONNORS--
--AND I'M HARDLY A BIG STAR...
...WELL, NOT YET... THOUGH I'LL ADMIT THAT'S MY GOAL.
BUT I'M ALREADY WEARY OF BEING MOBBED BY CELEBRITY HOUNDS.
I FIGURE A FEW NICE, QUIET DAYS IN THE EVERGLADES WILL DO ME GOOD!
NEXT: INTO THE SWAMP SINISTER!

WHAT YOUR STARS SAY TODAY

Aries Mar 21 – Apr 20
Today is a good day and your financial health is likely to be good. You may get benefits from your past investments. You may have control over your expenditure on worthless items, which may boost your savings. Love birds are advised to be polite in conversation with their partner, otherwise there may be some conflicts between them.

Taurus Apr 21 – May 20
Today you are blessed by the moon. It is a good day for you as you have good vitality and energy. You may enjoy it at work. You may also share romantic moments with your spouse. You are likely to make new plans to start a new project, and your perfectionism will help you design a flow chart. Job aspirants will find a good job. Lovebirds are advised to avoid discussions on worthless topics.

Gemini May 21 – Jun 21
Today you may be disappointed. You are advised to control your arrogance, otherwise you may face some losses due to your way of speaking with others. Lovebirds should be careful in terms of their discussions, otherwise relation equations may be affected.

Cancer Jun 22 – July 23
Today you are blessed by the moon and new sources of income may open. Your past investments will now start paying off in terms of profits. Your losses will convert to profits, which will boost your financial health. Health issues related to parents may be resolved.

Leo Jul 24 – Aug 23
Today you may be very happy and you will be busy at work. Your seniors may be happy and appreciate your work. You are likely to have some changes into your place, position or responsibilities at work in terms of promotions. Your opponents and hidden enemies may be under control now. Singles and lovebirds can decide to get married.

Virgo Aug 24 – Sep 23
Today things are under control. You are blessed by the moon. You may re-initiate postponed tasks. With help, you may get rewards for your hard work. There are some gains in your business which may boost your finances. You may spend money on artefacts or literature. You may also plan for overseas travel.

Libra Sep 24 – Oct 22
Today you may be busy with family issues. You may explore extra sources of income in terms of gains. You might take an interest in artefacts, movies, and glamour, which may improve your creativity. Lovebirds will have a clear view of their relationships. Students may go ahead towards their aim in terms of career.

Scorpio Oct 23 – Nov 22
Today you may not feel well and might have health issues, which may affect your professional and domestic life. You are likely to be upset about health issues of your spouse. Your patience may be tested many times. You are advised not to make investments in new business projects. Students are advised to avoid fantasy and must work hard in their studies.

Sagittarius Nov 23 – Dec 22
Today you are blessed by the moon. You may feel healthy and old health issues may be cured now. Money that was stuck somewhere is likely to be recovered now. You may also apply for a loan for buying some items related to luxury.

Capricorn Dec 23 – Jan 20
Today you may feel very dull. It can make you lazy and careless and you are likely to be unfocused at work. Impatience may pull you down negatively. Health of your kids and spouse can make you upset. Avoid making investments today. Lovebirds should avoid arguments in family matters.

Aquarius Jan 21 – Feb 19
Today you may find negative vibrations around you, which can make you unhappy. You are advised to avoid investments in worthless assets. Your friends are not likely to be supportive today, so you should not expect much from them in terms of help. You are advised to follow your intuition before making important decisions today.

Pisces Feb 20 – Mar 20
Today you may be able to implement business plans successfully with support from your subordinates. You may be involved in some social or family get-together, which may boost your network. You may go for short business-related trips, which may bring you profits in the near future.

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SOLUTIONS

SOLVE IN 1M
$[2^* 2]/2^5 = 2^(3+1)/2^5$
$2^4/2^5 = 2^(-1) = 1/2$

RIDDLER
1. Tuna,
2. Trout,
3. Pickerel,
4. Flounder,
5. Salmon,
6. Herring,
7. Snapper,
8. Porgy,
9. Tarpon,
10. Pompano

BULL'S EYE

B	A	H	T	S
A	N	T	E	D
H	E	R	S	E
E	Z	I	N	E
R	O	B	I	N

FAST FIVE
clue, cued, dice, dunce, iced, INCLUDE, uncle Induce, Ilce, lucid, nice,

STRIKE OUT

S	P	A	T	■	P	A	M	■	S	T	E	W
A	■	L	■	E	■	U	■	A	■	E	■	■
N	E	T	H	E	R	■	S	P	A	R	T	A
C	■	A	■	N	O	B	E	L	■	M	■	T
T	U	R	B	A	N	■	D	E	T	A	C	H
I	■	S	E	C	■	I	■	A	O	C	■	E
M	■	A	T	A	L	O	S	S	■	■	■	R
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QUICK

C	O	P	T	I	C	■	S	T	U	D	I	O
R	■	O	■	S	■	K	■	H	■	U	■	N
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S	A	N	E	S	T	■	S	Y	M	B	O	L

MENSA PUZZLE
12: add the digits of each three-figure number to obtain the two-digit numbers

QUOTE UNCODE
Love is made by two people, in different kinds of solitude. It can be in a crowd, but in an oblivious crowd.

SUDOKU

9	2	1	3	5	4	7	6	8
4	5	3	8	6	7	9	1	2
6	8	7	2	9	1	3	5	4
1	3	5	4	2	8	6	9	7
2	4	9	6	7	5	1	8	3
8	7	6	1	3	9	4	2	5
3	9	8	5	4	6	2	7	1
5	6	2	7	1	3	8	4	9
7	1	4	9	8	2	5	3	6

GO FIGURE
Easy
$6 + 3 + 9 + 7 = 25$
Medium
$7 + 3 \times 3 + 8 = 38$
Hard
$5 - 6 + 6 \times 6 = 30$

ALPHA TRIANGLE
E, EP, Pea, Tape, Adept, Pedant, Painted.

LOOP

KAKURO

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 # Ryan Gosling, Margot Robbie & Ocean's Eleven
Ryan Gosling is in talks to join actress Margot Robbie in the new 'Ocean's Eleven' reboot. The prequel story is expected to take place in 1960s Europe, far away from Las Vegas

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It ain't me

... Jameela Jamil has this to say about being mistaken for PC all the time

She-Hulk: Attorney at Law' actress Jameela Jamil has made an interesting revelation about being compared to Bollywood actress Priyanka Chopra. Jameela said that being mistaken for Priyanka is an 'honour' for her.

"I spent a lot of my youth trying to be invisible and not stand out. As I get older, I realise time is running out. We need to celebrate life as much as we can. So now, every day is a party. That, and the fact that I get mistaken for Priyanka Chopra all the time—honestly the honour of my life—but I also have to always represent her well out there on the streets," Jameela told Vogue.

Last year a Twitter user had tagged Jameela Jamil while speculating that Nick Jonas and Priyanka Chopra had parted ways. Reacting to the same, Jameela wrote, "A different Indian woman who doesn't look anything like me. priyankachopra I believe they are very happy together still." Priyanka had commented with a "Lol!" on Jameela's tweet.

Priyaka Chopra is currently engaged with multiple Hollywood projects but will soon return to India for a biggie. She is essaying the lead in Farhan Akhtar's road trip drama 'Jee Le Zaraa', co-starring Alia Bhatt and Katrina Kaif. —ETimes

Who Yash wants to work with in B-Town

KGF' star Yash has praised actor Nawazuddin Siddiqui and confessed that he would love to work with him. The pan-India star in a recent interview was asked which Bollywood actor he desires to work with and Yash said: "Nawazuddin Siddiqui".

In the interview, Yash said: "I wish to work with Nawazuddin Siddiqui. I feel he is a wonderful actor." Nawazuddin is known for his work in films such as 'Gangs Of Wasseypur' franchise, 'Raman Raghav 2.0', 'Mom', 'Manto', 'Serious Men'.

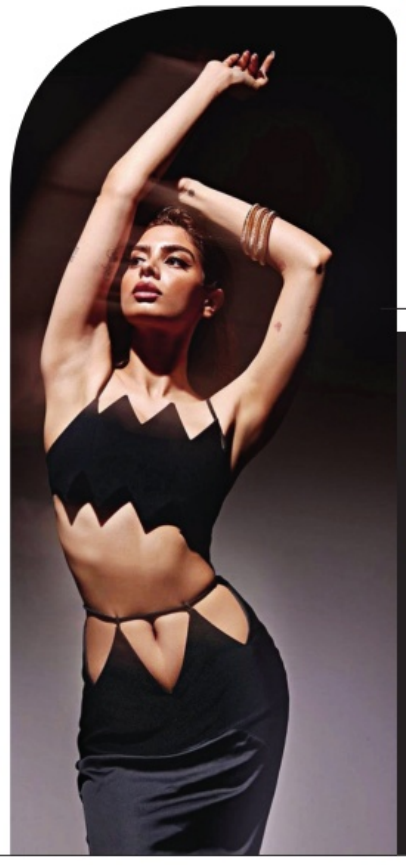
He has also done web-series' such as 'McMafia' and 'Sacred Games'. Meanwhile, on the work front, Nawaz has an interesting line-up of films which includes 'Tiku Weds Sheru', 'Noorani Chehra', and 'Adbhut' among others. Yash, whose real name is Naveen Kumar Gowda, gained the spotlight as a leading actor of Kannada cinema with films such as 'Googly', comedy-drama 'Raja Huli', fantasy action 'Gajakesari', romantic comedy 'Mr. and Mrs. Ramachari', action film 'Masterpiece' and action-romance 'Santhu Straight Forward' among many others.

His latest film 'KGF: Chapter 2', created a stir when it released earlier this year. —IANS

Ramya is all praise for SRK

Ramya Krishnan is currently gearing up for the release of the upcoming film 'Liger' along with her co-stars Vijay Deverakonda and Ananya Panday.

The actress was recently asked in an interview about her working experience with Shah Rukh Khan.



The actress shared that it's been ages since she has seen him. She added that he is one of the most down-to-earth real people, a genuine person and she doesn't know where he draws his energy from.

The actress also added that he is full of energy round the clock like

Ranveer Singh. According to her, SRK is a lovely person to work with lovely co-star, very understanding though she was very new then and he was really nice to her.

The film marks Vijay's debut in Hindi cinema and Ananya's first multi-lingual film.

Cut-out for glory

Boney Kapoor and late Sridevi's younger daughter Khushi Kapoor is all set to make her debut in Bollywood. The young starlet has been treating her Instagram follower with ravishing pictures of herself while giving a sneak peek into her life.

On Friday, Khushi set the Instagram on fire after dropping pictures of herself donning a cut-out fit on it. Soon, sister Janhvi Kapoor commented, 'Is she real?' while Shah Rukh Khan's daughter Suhana Khan wrote, "Amazing" on the post. Celebs like Karisma Kapoor, Maheep Kapoor and others poured in love for Khushi in the comment section. Khushi will enter into the film industry with Zoya Akhtar's 'The Archies'. SRK's daughter Suhana too, will mark her debut with this film. Apart from Khushi and Suhana, the film also stars Shweta Bachchan's son Agastya Nanda, Mihir Ahuja, Dot, Yuvraj Menda, and Vedang Raina.